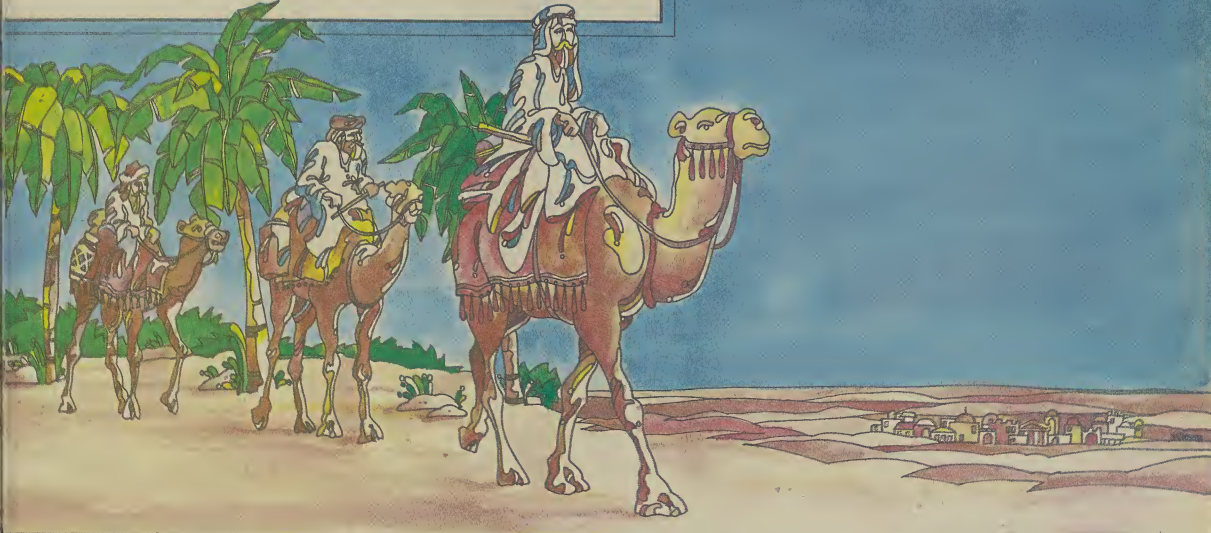


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Joyous Christmas

Hollands focus on family, service

Holidays are for home

By SHARON PATTON
Wire Editor
As traditions, sharing holiday joy with relatives and most of all, being together are all part of celebrating the Christmas season for the Hollands. President Jeffrey R. Holland's family, to his wife, Pat.

A large green pine decorated with 75 home-baked gingerbread men stands in the corner of the Holland's living room. The gingerbread decorations have been a family tradition for the Hollands since their children — Matthew, Duffy and Mary Alice — were toddlers, Holland said.

Holland said this year she asked her children if they would like to do something different to decorate the tree, but they wanted to keep up the family tradition.

"They wouldn't even let me use a new cutter," she said. "It had to be the same old cutter that we've had since they were babies."

Another holiday tradition began several years ago when she and President Holland planned a memorable Christmas Eve for their children, she said.

"My husband and I dressed up, and we had our finest crystal, nicest china and silverware, and told them we had a very important guest coming." All day the children wondered and guessed who the guest could be, said Pat. "They even thought it must be Santa."

"When it was time for dinner, my husband took them outside and brought them in the front door and I greeted them as if they were guests and said, 'You are our most important guests.'"

"This so delighted our children that it has become an important part of every Christmas since," Holland said.

"We do so much entertaining that sometimes I wonder if they feel they are not as important to us as they are," she said. "All the things that I would do for a dinner for a very important dignitary I do for them."

This year, the Holland children have started a new gift-giving tradition, Holland said.

Along with giving each member of the family a Christmas present, each will now give a second, more personal gift. "They want to do something sort of personal, something meaningful between brother and sister or parent and child."

The gift — whether funny, serious, inexpensive or homemade — has to be something very meaningful for the particular person to whom they are giving it. These presents will be opened last, she said.

The Hollands emphasize the true meaning of Christmas not only during the holidays but all the year round, said Pat.

"My husband is very good about stressing the real meaning of Christmas and talks about it almost every day," she said. "He has a unique way of helping the children see that joy can be a part of the meaning of Christmas; that people should be full of joy and that there should be a lot of giving, a lot of friends and relatives loving and hugging, and plenty of food."

A Holland tradition that magnifies the spirit of Christmas giving is their yearly sub-for-Santa project. "We find a family and each of our children will do the shopping for their children," she said. The Hollands provide Christmas dinner for the family and spend an evening with them, she said.

A nativity scene that decorates the Holland home during the holidays was purchased during a Christmas they spent in Israel. The Holland children chose each hand-carved piece individually, she said.

The scene is complete with the traditional nativity characters, except for Baby Jesus, who is placed in the miniature manger on Christmas Eve, said Holland.

On Christmas Eve, the Hollands sing carols and President Holland reads a Christmas story and the biblical account of the birth of Jesus.

Holland said BYU students contribute to their family's holiday spirit. "The carolers that come around are just a delight to us. We wouldn't have that if we weren't at BYU."

Jews mark 8-day miracle on Hanukkah

By DOUG WILKS
Senior Reporter

"The Festival of Dedication" is now being observed by millions of Jews around the world and in Utah in a holiday tradition that has been going on for more than 2,000 years.

Traditionally known as Hanukkah, this eight-day Jewish holiday celebrates the rededication of the Jerusalem temple in 165 B.C. by the Maccabees.

According to Daphna Brafman, a Jewish BYU student from Tel Aviv, Israel, "Hanukkah is a festival of freedom and, in a way, a festival of renewal for Jewish people."

She said it marks the day when the Jews regained their temple from the Syrians and has come to symbolize the faith of the Jew in standing up against his oppressors.

Eight-day holiday

The holiday is observed for eight days beginning on the 25th day of Kislev (November/December) on the Jewish calendar. This year the holiday began in Jewish homes at sunset Friday, with the lighting of a single candle on a nine-branch menorah. A candle is lit every evening for the remaining seven days of the winter festival. For this reason, Hanukkah is also known as the "Festival" or "Feast of Lights."

Brafman said the lighting of candles commemorates a miracle that occurred after the Jerusalem temple was purged by the Maccabees.

She said the temple was to be lighted by oil lamps, yet the Jews only had enough oil to last for a day. When the oil continued to burn for eight days, the Jews rejoiced and have recognized the event ever since.

"Hanukkah can be considered more of a historical holiday, rather than a religious one," said Brafman.

Brafman said Hanukkah has no relation to the Christmas holiday other than its December observance.

The Encyclopedia Americana reports that gifts are often exchanged at Hanukkah. Brafman said this is not a part of the Hanukkah tradition, but could be practiced by some Jewish families.

"Where Jews are a minority, families feel pressure to make their children happy. Jewish traditions do not offer elaborate decorations or beautiful trees. So over the years some of these traditions have crept into some Jewish homes to help the children feel happy."

Brafman said "Hanukkah money" is often given to the children as gifts. She said this is a tradition started in the Western cultures.

Editors note: Daphna Brafman is a senior majoring in speech communications. She has been in America for 3½ years and plans on returning to Israel after graduation where she hopes to pursue graduate studies at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

2 students present carillon concerts

Listening to the Christmas songs ring out every day at noon may have students curious about what goes on at the Carillon Bell Tower. Now is their chance to find out.

Two students, Chris Guymon and David Lines, play the bells at the tower.

Lines is a sophomore from Provo majoring in organ performance, and Guymon, from Lancaster Calif., is a graduate student studying musicology.

Each December seasonal music rings out from the tower to put the students in a festive mood. Not too many people are aware, however, of what goes on at the tower, Lines said.

Each day at noon, when the bells ring out with Christmas music, students are invited to come up to the bell tower to listen and watch, Lines said.

Practice on the carillon bells isn't possible, so the students rehearse on practice bells in the lower part of the tower.

An electronic system is used to chime the hours during the day. From noon to 12:25 p.m., either Lines or Guymon play the bells.

Students are invited to visit the tower during the rest of the year also, Lines said. The tower is open every weekday at noon.



and puts some finishing touches on the Holland family Christmas tree. The gingerbread decorations are a family tradition — one of many family-oriented holiday traditions the Hollands have.

Universe photo by Steve Fidal



A slightly reticent youngster and her braver father talk to Santa. Economic hard times have even reached that jolly man from the North Pole — resulting in fewer Santas around area businesses this Christmas season. Sears, Roebuck and Co. discontinued having a Santa in their store last year.

Universe Photo by Mary Ann Nelson

Santa appearances declining, economics, malls big factors

By LORI DESPAIN
Staff Writer

At one time, Santas could be found in every department store. But today, they're a little harder to find.

W.L. Park, operating manager for the Sears, Roebuck and Co. in Provo, said the Santa program was discontinued in his store last year.

"There was a primary lack of interest," Park said. "He's popular in the mall, where he can attract a number of children."

Park said he feels Santa is found more in the mall because there is a centralized number and variety of stores.

"The mall lends itself to that type of promotional interest," he said.

At ZCMI's Orem store, a talking Christmas tree, a walking cookie monster and a teddy bear are Christmas traditions. The store also promotes a "Breakfast with Santa" five times in December, according to Brad Mason, assistant store manager.

"It's a novelty," Mason said of the tree. "No one else around here has one. It's a little out of the ordinary."

The "Breakfast with Santa" gives children an opportunity to have a personal visit with Santa, he said.

"It is an exclusive way for kids to see Santa and sit on his lap without standing in long lines," said Mason.

"If we didn't have the tradition, we wouldn't have a Santa," Mason said. He thinks economics are making it difficult for stores to carry out an effective Santa program.

Santas have unions now, and stores not in a mall situation have to consider finances, he said.

"I think what's happening is the mall stores are relying on the mall Santas," he said.

Bob Cann, director of marketing and promotion for University Mall, said there are six different Santas in the mall.

"It's a challenge to run a high quality Santa program and maintain hours," Cann said.

Cann said quality and experience are important in selecting a Santa.

"All of these people are experienced and have played Santa before," he said.

Cann said he looks at the applicant's track record and the appearance of the Santa uniform.

Santas need to love children and enjoy being a Santa because it is physically demanding, he said.

Thanks for card . . . who are you?

By TOM JACKMAN
and MELINDA KOEHLER
Staff Writers

How many times have you received a Christmas card from someone you don't know or remember?

If this has ever happened to you, read on about 600 people who received cards but didn't know from whom.

Dr. Phillip R. Kunz, a BYU sociology professor, conducted a study in 1976 that involved sending Christmas cards to strangers to discover the relationship between social status and the sending of cards.

He sent a total of 600 cards to people in Omaha, Neb., and Watertown, S.D. Half of the people selected were individuals with high status: doctors, lawyers, accountants and railroad vice presidents, he said. The other half were blue-collar workers: truck drivers, janitors and bicycle repairmen.

Three styles
Kunz selected three styles of cards. One was an elegant and expensive card, another was a cute homemade card and the other was a quickly thrown together, tacky-looking card, he said.

Half of each card style was sent with the title "Dr. and Joyce Kunz," while the others were sent with the family's first names, he said.

The professor said the response was surprising. "First came the telephone calls — 11 of them in all, and none collect."

"We have been thinking and thinking, but just can't remember who you are," replied one caller.

Then came the cards, 117 of them. Some of them were just regular cards like the "Sister Madonna" and a name printed; or a Kayest Cottillon card signed with the family's name. Others were also signed, and some were curious as to who he was, he said.

"For some reason we fail to recall that we know you when you sent your Christmas card. Happy Holiday to you all anyway."

May Peace reign," wrote one stranger.

Yet another wrote: "We received your lovely Christmas card, but just can't seem to place you. Could you please let us know your maiden name and how you know us?"

Wife, kids
Some cards came with colored photographs of new houses, new children and pets, he said. There were also cards with apologies for not writing sooner or regretting that "We see so little of you anymore."

Some said they were a bit confused at first, but were able to work it out, and knew us by the end, Kunz said.

A few long letters came with some of the cards updating Kunz on local news, the family's health and children's progress in school.

"One well-wisher said he was going to drop off three children with us for a week while they went to California," he said.

One Christmas card had this poem written on the cover: "Twas the week before X-mas when thru-out the town, came a bag full of mail delivered around. Season's greetings and Christmas joy, who wished us all, but were so coy. Tho you signed the cards, we are no duce — just who in hell is Dr. and Joyce Kunz?"

After Christmas, all the card recipients received a letter explaining the study, Kunz said.

Conclusions made from the study showed only nine percent of the higher status individuals replied, while 32 percent of the blue-collar people sent cards to Kunz. He said he received more replies from the high quality card recipients and the cards he signed "Dr. and Joyce Kunz."

Economy is 'grinch' in Provo sales

By TODD F. MAYNES
Staff Writer

Tony Minetoli, manager of a local jewelry store, was counting on the Christmas shopping season to bring his store out of economic doldrums. With sales almost 35 percent below last year's levels, Minetoli is blaming Reaganomics as the grinch who steals Christmas.

Sales down
While Salt Lake City area merchants are enjoying an excellent Christmas season, sales in Utah County stores are slightly below last year's levels, with many Provo-Orem merchants reporting sales 15 to 25 percent below last year.

Many local merchants say lay-offs at Geneva Steel is the reason business is not as good in the Provo area as it seems to be in Salt Lake City.

Some Salt Lake area merchants report sales are three times better than last year.

"We're doing all right," Minetoli said, "but not nearly as good as we expected. Sales are down, and I place the blame squarely on the shoulders of Mr. Reagan."

Bargain hunters
Many merchants say shoppers are much more cost-conscious this year, and are being pickier in looking for good buys and special sales.

"People seem to be more choosy this year," says Tom Yates, manager of a local toy store.

"People are coming in, but they're all looking for sales and going to the discount stores. Business is soft compared to last year."

"My impression is that people are being very conscientious in their shopping this year," says Minetoli. "I think people's expectations are low, like they're afraid to lose their jobs, and so they're not making big purchases."

While the theory of Reaganomics is to stimulate economic growth by expanding the economy's supply side, Yates said manufacturers aren't producing enough of the goods he needs because of negative expectations.

"I haven't been able to put in stock all the things I would like," Yates said. "We got a supply of erector sets that I sold out in 30 minutes. I could have sold five times as many if the manufacturers would produce them."

Credit, lay-away
Several merchants have said consumers tend to be paying cash for their purchases this year and are avoiding credit. They are also paying for goods immediately instead of using lay-away purchases.

"We're getting many more cash purchases this year," says Sheila Anderson, salesperson at an Orem clothing store. "People seem to have more cash in their pockets. Practically nobody is using lay-away this year."

In periods of inflation,

people tend to want to buy now and pay later, economists say, hoping inflation will decrease the burden of their purchase. Hence, with inflation not being a factor in today's purchasing decisions, it is logical that consumers would shun lay-away purchases.

In addition, despite

10.8 percent unemployment, economists show Americans saving more this year than in previous years. One University merchant attributes the mall location to saving several years.

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'The Nutcracker' — a tradition

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The ballet performed by Ballet West is one choreographed by William F. Christensen, founder of the company, in 1952. Ballet West is performing "The Nutcracker" for the 30th time this year, Mageras said.

"This year's response has been incredible," she said. "Even though 'The Nutcracker' doesn't open until Thursday, four performances are already sold out."

Last year, Ballet West presented 19 performances of "The Nutcracker," Mageras said. This year, the schedule has been expanded to 21 performances.

Ballet West starts rehearsing for their "Nutcracker" tour in early November, she said. The company, which includes 70 children, leaves right after Thanksgiving for performances in Oregon, California and Arizona. By the end of January, the company has performed "The Nutcracker" 40 to 50 times, she said.

Mageras said she thinks "The Nutcracker" has become a Christmas tradition because "it's such a festive ballet." The music, colorful costumes and dancing add to the magical quality of the work, she said.

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Nutcracker ballet has been a tradition in Utah for 30 years, said a spokeswoman for Ballet West. William F. Christensen choreographed the ballet in 1954. The ballet starts Thursday and performances are already sold out.

By ARMSTRONG Staff Writer

The ballet opens with a Christmas party where a little girl named Clara receives a wooden nutcracker as a gift from a magician. At midnight, after the party is over, Clara sneaks downstairs to take a look at her gift and finds the drawing room invaded by mice. Her nutcracker is threatened by the mouse king. After Clara rescues the nutcracker from the mouse king, the nutcracker turns into a handsome prince. The prince and Clara lead the toy soldiers to victory against the mice.

In gratitude for her help, the prince invites Clara to the Kingdom of Sweets where she is welcomed by the Sugar Plum Fairy and entertained with such dances as the Dance of Mirletons, the Waltz of the Flowers, Pas de Deux and the famous Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy. Although it is commonly referred to as "The Nutcracker Suite," the ballet performed by Ballet West and other ballet companies throughout the world is actually "The Nutcracker," Mageras said.

"The Nutcracker Suite" is an arrangement for orchestra of some of the music from the ballet.

Since its 1892 premiere, "The Nutcracker" has been the subject of many revivals and several versions of the ballet have been performed.

The version most Americans are familiar with is the one choreographed by George Balanchine in 1954 for the New York City Ballet. This same ballet has been performed by the New York City Ballet every year since then.

Most jingling bells Y wedding bells

By SUSAN IPAKTHIAN Staff Writer

may be used to hearing sleigh bells in the yuletide but many BYU students are hearing wedding bells during Christmas holidays. Jordan River temple of the Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has Dec. 27 scheduled as the day for marriage ceremonies the Christmas holidays. "So have 71 marriages scheduled today," said temple worker Ellen Reid. "That is probably the highest numbers we have one day."

Higher number said the number for this year is higher than normal because the Salt Lake Temple is closed. Anne Wise, a worker at the temple, said the temple is busy at the end of each semester now we have 56 marriages, but there are always a lot that come up at the last minute. "It really was a Provo Temple has scheduled 21 and 22 for marriage ceremonies."

monies. Wise said most students are setting Dec. 22 as their wedding date because finals will be over by then. Hamae Barker, marriage clerk for Utah County, said most of the licenses issued during December are to BYU students. "Our busiest time of the year is at the end of each semester," Barker said. "August is the biggest month, followed by April and December."

Barker said 291 marriage licenses were issued last December and 325 were issued during December 1980. "A large percentage of all of those licenses were for BYU students."

Finals week Barker said the days during finals week are the busiest for her office. "It's hard to predict how many will be coming in each day, but during finals week, we usually issue about 20 to 30 licenses each day," she said. Barker said her office has been able to handle the Christmas rush without hiring additional help. It is generally better to come in during the morning because the turnout is light and the likelihood of having to wait in line is reduced, she said.

foreigners in U.S. holidays

of the more 100 foreign students attend BYU during this Christmas, find themselves unable to spend holidays with

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"I will always be a family," Pornintra said. Lam, a graduate from Hong Kong, said he may Christmas with

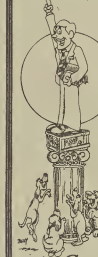
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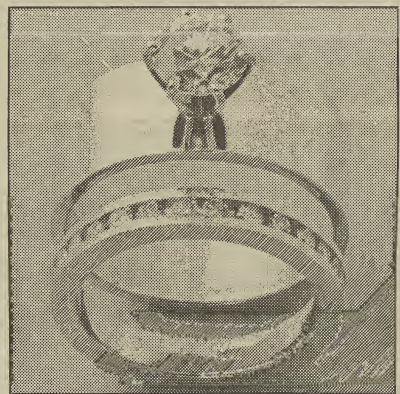


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Christmas at Midday performance at noon

By LORI DESPAIN
Staff Writer

In 1965 the Harris Fine Arts Center opened, and with the opening began a holiday tradition known as Christmas at Midday.

"I saw right away that the gallery was artistic and there was good acoustic sound when it was filled with people," said Jacob Bos, a professor of music and coordinator of the Music at Midday programs. This year's Christmas at Midday performance will be today at noon.

Occasions

The gallery was used mostly for sculpture and painting displays, but Bos thought the Music Department should use it once or twice a year as well, he said.

"The gallery is for special occasions," Bos said. "If it is used too many times, the effect is gone."

Two programs, one at Easter and another at Christmas, are performed in the gallery on a yearly basis.

"Christmas at Midday is quite popular because it is a fine, artistic presentation," Bos said.

Decorated

Each year, the gallery has been decorated simply, and a Christmas tree is set up.

In past years, Bos said, students at schools for the mentally handicapped have made tree ornaments. About one week before the event, the students would come to BYU with their teachers to hang the decorations.

The students will not decorate the tree this year, Bos said, because the department now has permanent decorations.

Carols

At 7 a.m. on the day of the program, the Wind Ensemble assembles at the Carillon Bell Tower. Bos said they perform several Christmas carols while students go to classes.

At noon in the Harris Fine Arts Center, the brass ensemble plays Christmas music in the hallways.

Bos said the brass music gets everyone in a Christmas spirit. "You

can't see them, but you can hear them."

The 50-minute program begins at 12:10 p.m. The audience stands along the balconies on each floor to watch the concert.

Informal

"There are no chairs," he said. "Everything is informal."

The performing groups are staged on the north and south stairs with some groups on the main floor, he said.

"Christmas at Midday has a strict and disciplined structure," Bos said. "There are at least 800 performers — all from the Music Department."

"The whole program is full of variety and color. Everything continues one after the other without announcement."

Each year, Bos said he tries to use something different in the program. One year, eight students, dressed Charles Dickens style, pushed an old, red handcart filled with Utah apples around the gallery for three minutes. They handed out the fruit while singing carols.

Organ

This year, Bos said, the BYU Matrimba Ensemble will perform for the first time. The BYU Children's Chorus will also perform a verse

from "Silent Night" accompanied by an old pump organ.

The organ is on display in the foyer of the deJong Concert Hall, he said.

"It will be simple, but different," Bos said.

For three minutes near the end of the program, community singing will be conducted by David Blackinton, director of hand music and a professor of music.

Programs will also be available, Bos said.

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Some of the 210,000 bulbs on Temple Square illuminating the foliage surrounding the Salt Lake City temple (right). Statues (left) portray the nativity scene. The light show and display that has illuminated Temple Square every year since 1968 will continue this season through January 2.

Temple alight: 14-year-old Noel tradition

By COLLEEN FOSTER
Staff Writer

Every evening, as the daylight fades, almost a quarter of a million tiny bulbs are lit to illuminate Temple Square in Salt Lake City during the Christmas season.

Crews begin stringing lights through trees and on buildings on the Monday after October general conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and work continuously until late November, when the light show begins, said Darsen Roper, manager of Temple Square.

"14 years old
The 14-year-old lighting tradition draws more visitors to Temple Square during the holiday season than normally come to Temple Square, Roper said. "There's not any other place in the United States that I can think of where there are that many lights in one place," he said.

After adding 10,000 lights to the display this year, a total of 210,000 bulbs the size of a tooth brighten downtown Salt Lake City, Roper said. The operations department managers have added a few lights each year, but they are aiming to make it better, not necessarily bigger, he said.

Outlines

The lights are placed on the walls of the square, on trees and bushes, on fences and buildings, forming numerous outlines and designs.

This year a manger scene depicting Christ's birth with near-to-life-size fi-

gures is being featured. A tape played over a loudspeaker tells visitors the Christmas story as it is written in the Bible, Roper said.

He said the cost involved in lighting the square comes out of the LDS Church utility cost. Because of the small size of the lights, the cost is less than people would expect, he said. "The joy that it brings to people far exceeds the number of dollars we put into it."

Eight hours

Some of the bulbs burn out and need replacing occasionally, Roper said. Crew members spend up to eight hours every day putting new lights in for old ones in preparation for the evening's light show, which begins at 5:30 and ends five hours later.

On the day after Thanksgiving, President Ezra Taft Benson of the Council of Twelve officially began the display during a ceremony when he flipped the switch that turned all of the 50-light strings on at the same time. Roper said he hopes the lighting ceremony, which has taken place for two years, will become a tradition, with a general authority present.

'Nice thing'

The display has unfailingly been lit each year since 1968, Roper said. "It's just a nice thing for the city. I don't think there's anyone that sees them and doesn't appreciate them," he said.

He urges everyone that can to look at the lights before they are taken down on the first Monday in January.



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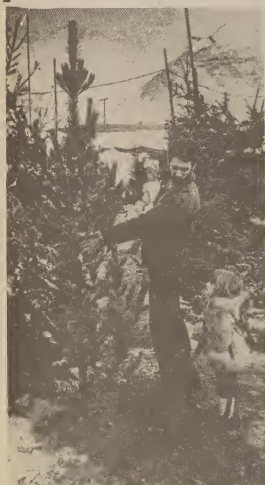
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Christmas-tree vendors please variety of tastes



Tim Holmes consults with daughters Rachel and Sarah as they try to find the perfect Christmas tree.

By MIKE DAVIDSON
Staff Writer

With Thanksgiving past and Christmas around the corner, it's not surprising to see Christmas trees sprouting up all over town.

One tree vendor said there are about 20 businesses selling trees in the Orem-Provo area. Prices for trees range from one to four dollars per foot, depending upon which dealer the would-be tree connoisseur goes to.

John Kramer, who cuts his own trees, said tree owners should cut two to three inches off the bottom of their tree and make sure the tree has plenty of water. He said 99 percent of the problems people have with Christmas trees are caused by failure to water them properly.

Some Utah Christmas trees are cut in state, but most are imported from Montana, Oregon, and Washington. Trees are cut starting in September and most are cut in October, Kramer said.

Paul Callister, a car dealer who sells Christmas trees on the side, said, "It's funny to see what different people like in Christmas trees."

He said newlyweds are fun to watch, since they often argue over what type of tree to buy. Everyone has a different idea of what a Christmas tree should look like.

Selling trees helps get him into the Christmas spirit early, Callister said.

Both dealers said the downturn in the economy has slowed down business a little.

Kramer got into the Christmas tree business 15 years ago. He said he uses the money he makes to help put his children through BYU.

Callister, in his second season of tree selling, said he started selling trees as a gimmick to sell cars. He offered a free tree to car buyers.

Kramer had one tree stolen his year, but he said he has never had much problem with theft. "This is the first time in five years I've had a Christmas tree stolen."

Kramer counts the number of trees on the lot every night and morning.

Volunteers spread holiday joy

By SUZANNE HANSEN
Staff Writer

The Christmas season is traditionally a time of giving and this year is no exception.

Volunteer programs to bring Christmas to people who might otherwise go without are thriving in spite of rough economic conditions, say local program operators.

"We've had a really good turnout this year," said Sally Salisbury, director of the Sub-for-Santa program sponsored by ASBYU Student Community Services.

The office of Student Community Services

oversees the project, while the Provo Division of Family Services clears the names of the families, she said. Family Home Evening groups, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saint wards or off-campus groups who want to get involved can get the name of a family to help from the organization.

"We've placed about 200 families so far," she said.

A local preschool teacher and her class decided to participate in the Sub-for-Santa program as they were learning about service, Salisbury said. The teacher went to the program

sponsors to get the name of a family with children the ages of the students so they would be able to do things for other children.

The volunteer turnout this year has been about the same as other years, Salisbury said,

but this year there are more families requesting assistance than usual. "But we've had lots of volunteers. I've been really impressed by all the people who want to help," she said.

Another Christmas

service project sponsored by the Project Uplift sends care packages to military personnel around the world. Some packages contained fruit even BYU students

Feelings of 'prison blues' fill inmates' Christmas

By MIKE MONTROSE
Staff Writer

Most Utahns will be spending their Christmas with family and friends, enjoying the blessings of the Yuletide season. Others — those convicted of crimes — see their holidays from a different perspective.

"It is definitely not a high point of the year," said David Franchina, deputy warden at Utah State Prison.

Anticipation, depression

"There is a lot of pleasurable anticipation, but there is also depression . . . most everyone has family," Franchina said. He said most of the gloom comes after the holiday season is over.

Associate Warden Leon Hatch said the prison administration is doing several things to alleviate the "prison blues" this season. A package containing nuts, fruit and chocolate will be distributed to every prisoner and "on Christmas day, a very fine meal, kind of like what you would have on Thanksgiving, will be served to all inmates."

Hatch said each block, which contains about 120 persons, in medium and minimum security will have a social gathering at some time during the Christmas holidays. This will permit them to have dinner in visiting rooms at the institution with their entire family.

Family members will be permitted to bring food-stuffs into the visiting area, but no leftovers will be allowed to be taken back into the institution, as has been the case in the past, Franchina said. "We have had too many problems with drugs."

Presents restricted

"Over the years, we've gradually restricted the type of presents the families are permitted to give prisoners to just the things they are allowed to receive in normally," Franchina said.

The things most wanted by prisoners for Christmas are clothing items like socks and underwear, hobby craft supplies and reading/educational materials, he said.

Persons in "lockup," Hatch said, will only be celebrating the holidays with the Christmas package and dinner. These inmates are incarcerated 23 hours a day.

"Sub for Santa" and "Toys for Tots" programs run by prisoners at the institution have been raising

money for needy families in conjunction with the Salt Lake Tribune newspaper, which will distribute the money, Hatch said.

"Medium security, has raised about \$600 from donations received from the inmate population," Hatch said average wages for inmates is \$2 a day and not all inmates have jobs because there are not enough jobs to go around.

Franchina said the number and amount of inmate money transferred to families for gifts doubles during the Christmas season.

Christmas decorations

Franchina said some Christmas decorations bring the holiday spirit to the institution. "The women do a very nice job in their block, with trees and ribbons. Some of the men decorate their units, but not as much."

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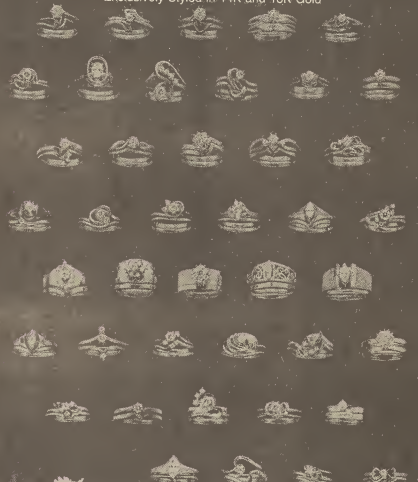
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Sports

Miss 54, LBSU 53

Rebels beat 49ers, win Classic

By TONY RAU
Staff Writer

Mississippi Rebels, behind strong rebounding for the second consecutive night and defeating Beach State 49ers 54-53 in the championship of the Cougar Classic on Saturday, became the first team other than BYU to win the tournament since 1977.

"We have a lot of people," said Rebel head coach Lee Hunt. "For us to win we have to try to control the tempo."

Rebels were able to control the tempo of the game as they rebounded. "We didn't let them to one shot if we were going to win," Hunt said. "We have been working hard on rebounding all year." Hunt said Ole Miss can stay in its games if it can limit opposing rebounding.

Rebels head coach Tex Winter said the win and intimidation inside has been a problem for his team because of its lack of a big man in the middle. The 49er center is 6-9 Michael Zeno. "The big men have been creating problems for us because Zeno is not a true center."

The Rebels took advantage of the 49ers' problems at center in the first half as Clark scored 12 points and guard Eric Laird added nine. The Rebels threatened to blow out the 49ers in the first half when they opened up a 26-16 lead with eight minutes left in the half. However, the 49ers then outscored the Rebels 14-6 to close the margin to 32-30 at the intermission.

In the second half Long Beach tied the game at 32 when guard Ricky Smith scored on a layup off a steal. Mississippi then outscored Long Beach 19-10 to extend its lead to 51-42 with five minutes left in the game.

The 49ers, lead by Zeno, then ran off a 9-3 spurt, as the Rebels missed several free throws, to bring them within one point with 44 seconds remaining.

The 49ers had a chance to win the game when they rebounded a missed free throw by Clark with 37 seconds left. Long Beach set up for the final shot, but Zeno missed a 12-footer from the left side of the lane with two seconds left.

In addition to Clark's 15 points, Laird scored 15 and center Roger Steig added 13. Zeno lead the 49ers with 15 points while guard Joey Gardner added 14, with seven of nine from the field.

While Hunt was pleased with the win, he expressed concern with the Rebels' foul shooting. "We missed several free throws down the stretch that could have put the game away."

While Long Beach put on a strong showing in both games, Winter was not pleased with the play of his team. "With the performance we got out of Smith, (Ray Mosby and Reggie) Payne, we should consider ourselves lucky we didn't get blown out last night or tonight."

Winter said one reason Long Beach did not play well against Mississippi was the game the previous night against BYU. "Beating BYU here took a great deal out of us," he said.

After the final game, the all-tournament team was announced. In addition to Clark, Laird of Ole Miss, Gardner of Long Beach State, Devin Durrant of BYU and David Maxwell of Fordham were selected.

Rebels move up

By TONY RAU
and BELINDA FIKIE
Staff Writers

Beach State and Mississippi qualified for championship round of the Cougar Classic by BYU and Fordham respectively Friday.

Long Beach 81, BYU 77

Beach State handed BYU its fifth consecutive loss in an 81-77 overtime victory in the championship of the Cougar Classic.

Joey Gardner led Long Beach with 25 points and Nate Sims added 15 clutch points, as the Rebels won a nine-point halftime deficit into a 44-37 victory.

The 49ers played well in the second half, using a fast factor in the game was free throws, as they overtook 15 of 30 from the line. "Forty-five of ineptness on the free throw line hurt us," said Gardner.

BYU head coach Frank Arnold, who coached the game, Arnold said the Cougars played the most unselfish games he had ever seen. "I will not give up on these kids," he said. "The negatives in the game, there were a lot of positives for the Cougars. The debut of the 'squad' pleased Arnold, as it won its second game by a point.

Which lead most of the way, was led by Devin Durrant. Durrant scored 19

Surprise! Jets layoff shoo-in

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Washington Redskins, Los Angeles Raiders and Cincinnati Bengals virtual layoff spots with National Football League on Sunday.

Moseley booted field goals of 32, 30, 20 and 17 yards while lifting the Redskins to a 12-7 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals. Moseley's 32-yard field goal was the longest in the NFL since 1960. He now has made 18 in a row, two fewer than Garo Yepremian for the Miami Dolphins.

Moseley lobbed a 55-yard touchdown pass to running back Jim McMahon, capping a fourth quarter and lifting the Raiders to a 20-17 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs.

McMahon rushed for two touchdowns and Todd passed for another to lead the Jets to victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

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points while Kite played a complete game with 18 points and 14 rebounds, along with 5 blocked shots.

Ole Miss 57, Fordham 47

The Mississippi Rebels defeated the Fordham Rams 57-47 in the first game of the classic Friday.

Fordham managed to hold its own against Ole Miss until the second half, when the Rebels pulled ahead of the Rams.

Carlos Clark, the tournament MVP, was the high scorer against Fordham with 22 points. Clark also grabbed seven rebounds. Rebel Eric Laird added 14 points for Ole Miss.

Forward Mike Cooper sank 16 points and nabbed seven rebounds for the Rams.

"I'm very pleased with our win tonight, even though we did not play our best. I thought we were very tentative at the start of the game, and tight. Also, Fordham was playing excellent defense," Mississippi coach Lee Hunt said.

Fordham coach Tom Penders said, "I thought our effort was good tonight; however, lapses at the end of the first half and again in the second certainly hurt us."

"Mississippi is one of the better teams in the Southeastern Conference and Clark is an outstanding player. He really hurt us."

Editor's note: For details on the Cougars' long-awaited first win, see page 8.

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Finish 3rd in Classic

A WIN! A WIN! Y beats Rams

By SCOTT TAYLOR
Staff Writer

BYU finally captured its first basketball victory of the season by downing the Fordham Rams 70-62 Saturday night to win the consolation game of the Cougar Classic before a sparse Marriott Center crowd of 17,125.

"Obviously we're very pleased — that seems like a little understatement," said BYU head coach Frank Arnold after the first Cougar win. "I'm only sorry we didn't get it (the first win of the season) earlier in the season."

The Cougars, who now sport a 1-5 record, still appeared jumpy and nervous during most of the Fordham game. "We're still not accustomed to the

role of being ahead," explained Arnold.

If that was one of Arnold's concerns, his hoopsters gained a sizeable amount of experience playing with the lead on the scoreboard Saturday. BYU led throughout the majority of the contest, with Fordham's only lead, a 30-28 margin, coming with just under three minutes remaining in the first half.

But just because the Cougars maintained a lead didn't necessarily mean they controlled the tempo of the game. In fact, Fordham's most serious charge to overtake BYU was stalled only because of the Rams' inability to hit free throws, a disease that afflicted the Cougars the previous night.

"We obviously lost the game at the foul line," said Fordham head coach Tom Penders after his Rams

hit only 12 free throws in 25 attempts. "I know how Frank (Arnold) must have felt last night."

But, excluding his team's inability to capitalize at the charity stripe, Pender said it was the Rams' best game so far this season. "It was our best 40 minutes in all other areas," he said.

Arnold was just as quick to compliment performances by Cougars Gary Furniss, Greg Kite, Marty Perry and Devin Durrant.

"Marty played like the Marty Perry we've known all along," said Arnold of the 6-foot-1 sophomore guard who came off the bench and sparked the Cougar offense with eight assists. "Against the zone, Marty plays the ball better and gets the ball better to our players."

And Arnold called Furniss' play against the Rams "his finest game yet." Furniss hit four of his five attempts from the field and made all but one of his seven free-throw attempts to total 14 points.

Kite, after scoring 18 points the previous night against Long Beach State, scored three field goals and scored on all four of his free throw attempts to register a 10-point total. Both Kite and Furniss grabbed 10 rebounds each.

But once again, the Cougar scoring was led by junior Devin Durrant. Durrant was named to the all-tournament team while scoring 19 points, 15 in the second half.

Arnold, however, said that Durrant's performance Saturday night was "kind of weak," adding that his leading scorer has suffered from different ailments throughout the season.

"I've never had so many health problems before in my life," agreed Durrant afterwards.

But Durrant was more inclined to talk of the team's victory than his own illnesses. "Coach Arnold said we've had a cloud over our head, so it's nice to see the sun," he said. "I just hope to see the sun the rest of the way."

Forward Gary Furniss said, "We have the capability to do well and this game gives us confidence." Arnold acknowledged that there is still tough competition awaiting the Cougars, saying, "We still have some very difficult teams in front of us — we're not through the heart of the season yet."

BYU opened the game controlling the tip-off and the scoreboard and established an 11-point lead after five minutes of play. The Cougar's 20-9 lead, paced by Furniss' eight consecutive points, was quickly diminished to 20-15 as the Rams fought back.

Arnold, employing "the blue squad" for the second consecutive night, sent in his substitute platoon, which was outscored 6-2 during the next five minutes.

With the Cougars' starting five returning back to the court at the 5:09 mark, a battle for the lead ensued, with Fordham taking a 30-28 lead with David Maxwell's follow-through layup with less than three minutes to go in the first half.

The Rams had several opportunities to outscore the Cougars in the final seven minutes of the first half, but Fordham missed its seven final free throw attempts.

BYU established a six-point 36-30 halftime lead after Perry and Durrant chalked up a pair of free throws and Brian Taylor hit a jumper from the middle of the lane with :05 remaining after BYU had successfully slowed down the tempo during the last few minutes.

The Cougars didn't relinquish the lead during the second half, but Fordham caught up within four points at several different phases of the game. The Rams' final threat was squashed when field goals by Perry and Durrant and free throws by Durrant and Brent Applegate extended the Cougar lead back to a 10-point margin with less than 90 seconds remaining.



Universe photo by Rodd G. Wagner

Cougar forward Gary Furniss pulls down a rebound during BYU's 70-62 win over Fordham on Saturday. The Cougars, now 1-5, staved off several Ram rallies to wrap up the long-awaited victory. BYU travels to Logan Tuesday to battle the Utah State Aggies.

Cavs outplay Hoyas

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Now that Virginia's Ralph Sampson has proven his greatness in his showdown with Georgetown's Pat Ewing, the question is: How good would he have been if he was healthy?

Weakened by the flu and slowed by a bruised left knee, the 7-4 Sampson outplayed the 7-foot Ewing on Saturday night in the first meeting between these college basketball giants.

The numbers: Sampson 23 points, 16 rebounds and five blocked shots. The results: No. 1-ranked Virginia 68, No. 3 Georgetown 63.

"I thought Ralph really had a good night," said Virginia coach Terry Holland, whose team now is 6-0. "He hung in there. As the game went on, he definitely got weaker. By the end, he had a tough time maintaining his position offensively or defensively."

"I don't think I played well," said Sampson, a senior and two-time College Player of the Year who made 10 of 17 shots from the field. "But I was down with something before the

game."

His knee was injured in practice Thursday and had to be drained Friday. He wore a bandage for the first half, when he scored nine points, but discarded it in the second half.

Sampson praised the sophomore Ewing, who fouled out with one second left in the game. "I hope we do it again in the Final Four. I know they would like a rematch and I wouldn't mind it at all."

Ewing was equally polite. "I think Ralph is probably the best center I've played against so far," he said. "I felt I did fairly well, but I'm just sorry about the outcome."

Georgetown coach John Thompson, a loser for the first time in seven games this season, had forward Billy Martin defend Sampson for much of the first half to keep Ewing out of foul trouble. The Hoyas, a contingent of sophomores and freshmen except for the junior reserve guard Gene Smith, had trouble getting the ball in to Ewing for most of the game and trailed 33-23 at halftime.

Chacon triumphs

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Bobby Chacon blasted Rafael Limon to the canvas with a pair of hard rights in the final seconds Saturday to clinch a 15-round unanimous decision and capture the World Boxing Council super-featherweight title nine months after his wife committed suicide because he wouldn't quit boxing.

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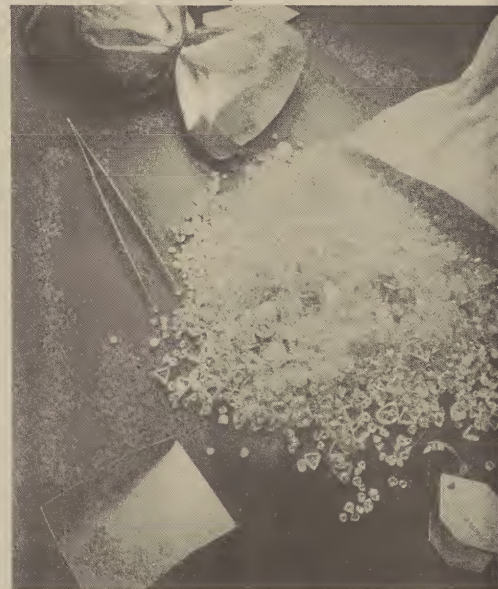
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ruins spike Cougars

By GRANT SKABELUND
Staff Writer

LA's Pauley Pavilion and the BYU women's ball team just don't mix.

After this season the Cougars dropped four of six games in the UCLA-hosted National Invitational Volleyball Tournament, and UCLA's Bruins, on their home court Thursday, routed the Cougars, ousting BYU from NCAA tournament play.

LA ranked ninth in the final NCAA poll, and No. 10 BYU in three straight games 15-5, 18-16.

LA beat us at our own game," said BYU Elaine Michaelis. "They served tough and us away from our passing patterns. Once we let us could hit, we were able to put it down. It just weren't getting the passes we needed well."

Blew lead

Bruins blew to a 10-1 lead in the first game shutting down a Cougar rally and coasting to a 15-5 victory.

Masakayan threaded the BYU defense for of her match-total five service aces in game lead the Bruins to an early 2-0 advantage. "I was a little tight in the first two games," she said. "We didn't play as well as we are in of playing."

Cougar coach said the spikers relaxed in the game and played the way they needed to. "I was a little tight in the first two games," she said. "We didn't play as well as we are in of playing."

uckeyes arrive for bowl

N DIEGO (AP) — Ohio State's ill team arrived Sunday for its game-ups for a Holiday Bowl with BYU on Friday night, as Buckeyes went right to work. "We worked on our kicking game. We didn't have a chance to work on it since the Michigan game," said Bruce, the coach of the Big Ten conference runners-up. "We sent his 95-player squad

through a 90-minute workout after the 1,700-mile cross-continental charter flight.

Ohio State, like BYU, will practice only eight times for its 11th straight post-season appearance.

"I'm a little concerned about the lack of practice time. We were allotted 20 practices, but Thanksgiving and final exams kept us from any more practices," he said.

16. The two teams traded side outs eight times before UCLA spiked in the winning points.

"We played very well tonight," said Bruin coach Andy Banachowski. "I thought we passed and served well, and we blocked well early in the match. Overall we played an excellent match."

Patty Orozco pounded in 17 kills for the Bruins, while Masakayan and Jeanne Beauprey collected 18 each.

Karin Knudsen led the Cougars with 14 kills, Lisa Monson added 13 and Raelyn Hoglund had 12.

Successful season

Following the disappointing loss, the Cougars' season comes from the fact that they completed a very successful season. BYU finished the season with a 33-9 record and a 20-1 home mark. The Cougars won the High Country Athletic Conference championship with an unscathed 10-0 conference record.

Four Cougar spikers were named to HCAC all-conference teams. Setter Val de Pourtales and hitter Madge Ferreira received first-team honors while Hoglund and Knudsen were named to the second team.

In addition, de Pourtales was named an Academic All-American on Friday by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). De Pourtales is one of six collegiate spikers to receive the honor.

De Pourtales joined setter Kathleen Guthrie of Arizona, hitters Jennifer Box of Southwest Missouri State and Jean Ness of Purdue and blockers Margaret Grant of Southern Cal and Mary Holland of San Diego State on the squad.

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For treatment at the academy, he was transferred to the intensive care unit of Penrose Hospital.

Nursing supervisor Saturday there had no change in his condition.

The accident came weeks to the day he was scheduled to fly for Air Force in all of Fame Bowl at Vanderbilt.

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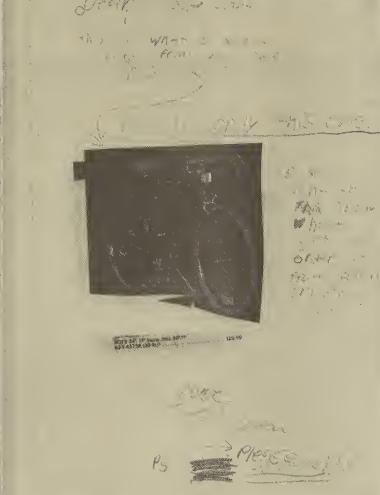
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By WAYNE DUNBAR
Staff Writer

Santa Claus has been receiving letters from local boys and girls and they have been good. Santa has a little busy, so he has had the task of answering those letters to the Provo Post Office.

rapher.

White said most the letters are cute and touching, like the one that wishes "that the starving children will get help and live."

Most children send a list of toys they want for Christmas and mention that they have been good; but they seem sure Santa was already aware of that, said Bernice Drage, superintendent of window services, as she opened and read some of the letters.

Dear Santa,

THE REASON I'M WRITING EARLY IS BECAUSE I'LL FORGET MY THOUGHTS. ME AND MY BROTHER AND MY SISTER WANT A KARESET AND A DUCKY KARESET. AND I ALSO WANT A CAMERA. HOW DID IT GO AROUND THE YEAR? IT'S FUN BEING IN SNOW ALL YEAR? ARE YOU REALLY SANTA OR ARE YOU MONA OR DAD? HAPPY HALLOWEEN AND HAPPY THANKS EVERYONE.

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STEVEN

The Provo office has received about 50 letters so far and has replied to 25 of them. There haven't been sufficient return addresses to send the replies back to the others, White said.

150 this year

"We receive about 200 to 300 each year and expect about another 150 this year," said Joe Pirami, acting postmaster.

A picture of Santa Claus with a candy cane in his hand and a bird perched on his hat was drawn by Drage for the post office and a letter inside his beard states that Santa is happy to receive their letters and cards and is working hard for the Christmas Eve trip. The letter also wishes the children and families a happy holiday season.

Pirami said it will cost about \$50 to reply to all the letters.

White and Drage do the replies on their breaks so it doesn't interfere with their work, Pirami said.

Long list

One of the children included a 21-item list with his letter, Drage said. Another letter included a picture of a ten-speed bicycle along with the number, price and a local order house where the item could be purchased. A.P.S. on the letter said "Please assemble."

Another letter asked if he was actually Santa Claus or really mom or dad.

In the past, the post office has let the Provo Chamber of Commerce

answer the letters, but the chamber didn't want the task this year, White said. Pirami said they tried to get a volunteer organization to do the work but couldn't find one. They did receive a offer from a local department store, but decided to keep the project themselves this year.

Dear Santa for this years Christmas I would like to have a Strawberry nightstand, and a wish that the starving children will get help and live, I know that this isn't a very long letter and I probably can't have that wish.

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for you at Christmas.

Harmon Building: authentically decorated for yule

By LANCE WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

There should be an "Aunt Carrie" in everybody's life. A person who, according to her family and friends, lived the spirit of Christmas.

The name Caroline Hemenway Harman, "Aunt Carrie" to her family and people in the community where she lived, honors the building that houses the Division of Continuing Education.

Era decorations

Christmas decorations after the fashion of Harman's era are on display in the lobby of the HCEB. According to Ken Lindquist, art director for the communication division, "the decorations are probably a little more elegant than Aunt Carrie could have afforded because of the hard times."

Lindquist said those involved with decorating spent a great deal of time gathering the furniture, toys and decorations used in the lobby display. Because Harman's life was spent serving others, especially children, a large wheel was taken to select the "right" toys. An antique rocking chair and spinning wheel were borrowed from the BYU motion picture studio to add to the authenticity of the display.

Mood created

"We tried to create a touch of elegance coupled with simplistic beauty," Lindquist said. And the display has

been successful in creating the desired mood, he said. So much that a "Please do not touch" sign had to be put with the display.

Chris Poulos, director of public relations for continuing education, said "The spirit of the lobby is patterned after what Aunt Carrie's living room was probably like."

Poulos said there are two purposes for the display. First, the decorations are a gift to the community.

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The officers and deputies will be stopping motorists for the program Sunday through Christmas Eve.

"We got the idea from Los Angeles," he said, where police were awarding turkeys to people for safe driving.

PR project

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By SANDI SANDERS
Assistant Copy Desk

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g can have his white Christmas. Its easier to fly when you don't need to wear wool underwear everywhere. While "white Christmas" folks their breath freeze and their fingers turn every time they venture outside, we Californians will be tanning.

I plan to joy on the beach in jeans and swimsuit, ride horses and play tennis. The neighborhood and ward will play football in the park on Christmas and New Year's days. Pity the poor souls who can only watch the game on TV.

Mom and I will spend more money than we should running around between shops and malls then have a picnic lunch in the park — snowbound shoppers will "skate" around town on icy sidewalks.

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Holidays: no vacation for athletes

By SCOTT TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Holidays and athletics — the two words almost go hand-in-hand. There's something about the holidays that seem to attract sporting events.

What's Thanksgiving without watching Dallas or Detroit of the National Football League after eating the turkey dinner? And as common as parades on New Year's Day are the Sugar Bowl, the Cotton Bowl and the Rose Bowl.

The Utah Jazz, promoting a festive spirit this season, hopes to capitalize on the Jan. 1 holiday as it hosts the Boston Celtics in a National Basketball Association contest.

Baseball teams play during most spring and summer holidays and promote large fireworks displays on July 4th to pack in the crowds.

Collegiate athletics have tended to schedule competition on or around the holidays as well. In fact, college football teams across the nation set goals to be involved in post-season bowl games, the majority of which are played sometime between the second week of December and the first week of January.

Fifth bowl

BYU's football team is participating in its fifth consecutive Holiday Bowl, and many of the Cougar gridgers have expressed pleasure in playing the contest before Christmas and being able to return home for the holidays.

But you can bet that if the Cougars had a choice between a pre-Christmas bowl appearance and an invitation to the Cotton, Sugar or Orange Bowl games, they would leap at the opportunity to spend New Year's Day on the gridiron.

What's the difference? It would obviously be the exposure on national television and the opportunity to participate in one of the traditional holiday classics.

Also involved in holiday competition, BYU's basketball team travels to Madison Square Garden just days after Dec. 25 to compete in the annual Holiday Classic. The team later hosts Princeton at the Marriott Center on New Year's Eve.

The women's swim team heads in the opposite direction during the holidays to compete in the Rainbow Invitational meet, scheduled to begin Dec. 26 in balmy Honolulu.

While sports fans across the nation spend the final days of the 1982 year with eyes glued to the television watching professional and collegiate sporting competition, there still remains the age-old question of how athletes feel about the conflict between the traditional holiday vacations and scheduled sporting events.

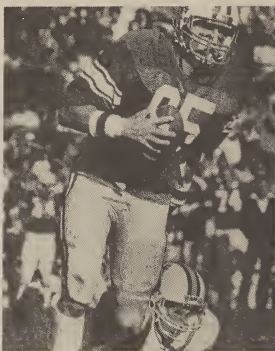
No vacations

Athletes involved in fall and winter sports learn early in their careers that the holiday season is not a two-week vacation. In fact, athletes tend to associate the Christmas season with practices and competition.

"I really don't think about it," said BYU basketball player Devin Durrant. "I've been playing basketball since high school, and we're always busy during Christmas. To me, it's a part of Christmas."

Durrant, whose parents live in Salt Lake City, said he is looking forward to spending "as much time as possible with my family," adding that the basketball coaches appoint a time for players to spend with their families, if possible.

Durrant's teammate Marty Perry, a guard from Hanover, Ind., is a bit further from home, yet



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accepts the apparent conflict between a family-oriented Christmas and a collegiate sports program.

"I'll probably call home for Christmas," he said. "All my relatives get together for Christmas, so I'll talk to everybody then."

Perry recalled that as a freshman hoopster playing at Florida, his team had a Dec. 26 game. "I got to go home for Christmas, but I had to fly back to Jacksonville on Christmas Day," he said.

"My brother plays at North Carolina State and he's missed out on Christmas at home the past few years."

While Perry recognizes a holidays-sports conflict, he said it doesn't present a challenge for him. "When you decide to play college basketball, it's something you decide to do and then do it," he said.

Perry said he plans to join teammate and roommate Scott Sinek in some sort of celebration with Sinek's parents, who are resolving the conflict by traveling to Provo from Southern California for the holidays.

"If you think about it, most of the students do the same," said Jim Hess, a sophomore from Kaysville, Utah, majoring in business finance. Hess added that he's planning to spend a large portion of his vacation playing basketball and other sports with friends.

Students, as well as the rest of the public, spend the holiday vacation skiing, playing football in the snow, going to collegiate and professional sporting events, and being involved in other sporting and entertainment activities.

It's no doubt, then, that the holiday vacation and free time given to the public from work or school has to be a major reason for scheduling sports and entertainment. A larger possible audience with lots of leisure time during the holidays adds up to a potentially larger draw for sports and an increased viewing audience for television networks.

If the blame for holiday athletics has to be attributed, then perhaps the culprit, if there really is one, is the public in general. Sports and entertainment would not be scheduled during the Christmas season if spectators didn't show up at the athletic facilities — and if television viewers didn't boost the Nielsen ratings of such events.

But such is not the case.

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December 27 SLC-Dallas	3:30 a.m.	11:56 a.m.
December 27 Dallas-Cancun	1:40 p.m.	5:09 p.m.
December 31 Cancun-Dallas	3:55	2:45 p.m.
December 31 Dallas-SLC	5:15	6:45 p.m.

We have you all booked for the trip. Please let us know if there is anything we can help you with. In order to return to the U.S. without delay, you will need proof of citizenship, a passport, a notarized birth certificate or a voter registration card.

Sincerely,
Chris Dowling & Steve Campbell
Vice President President

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